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In re Appln. of: GREGORY SPINGLE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
Des. 378,968	04/29/1997	Martin et al.
Des. 416,741	11/23/1999	Denney et al.
Des. 419,356	01/25/2000	Denney et al.
6,029,962	02/29/2000	Shorten et al.
6,247,745	06/19/2001	Carroll, III et al.
6,547,280	04/15/2003	Ashmead
6,550,850	04/22/2003	Laborie et al.
6,557,929	05/06/2003	Fox et al.

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed

references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date



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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (one sheet)

